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1. WE WELCOME THE APPARENT RENEWAL OF GUB INTEREST IN THE MEXICO HERBICIDE PROGRAM, AND REALIZE THE POTENTIAL THAT A SIMILAR PROGRAM COULD HOLD FOR BURMA'S POPPY ERADICATION EFFORTS. YET, AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE NEED TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF PUSHING THE BURMESE
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ON THIS ISSUE. FOR THIS REASON WE WISH TO REEMPHASIZE

EMBASSY RANGOON'S ROLE IN DETERMINING THE BEST USE OF THE
STUDY REQUESTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL B.

2. FROM WASHINGTON IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE BEST APPROACH
WOULD BE TO SIMPLY GIVE THE BRIEFING MATERIAL TO THE
BURMESE AND INFORM THEM THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO
DISCUSS HERBICIDES FURTHER AFTER THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPOR-
TUNITY TO PERUSE THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT. THIS APPROACH
WOULD AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF HARD SELL AND AT THE SAME
TIME RELIEVE OUR SIDE OF THE NEED TO DISCUSS COMPLICATED
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IN DETAIL. WE WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL
THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE. KISSINGER

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